

tirelessly to restore our neighborhoods and provide economic opportunity in our communities.

Early on in his service on Atlanta City Council, Mr. Martin was appointed by Mayor Bill Campbell to the Atlanta City Budget Commission. In 1994, he was selected by the Labor Coalition to travel to South Africa to work for political education following the release of Nelson Mandela. During his second and third terms in office, he held three key chairmanships—Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation.

Mr. Martin was a bold visionary for the people, spearheading projects such as the construction of the Adamsville Natatorium and Community Center that completely transformed the area and provided resources to our most marginalized communities. He created the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Merchants Association, an initiative to foster economic opportunities and growth for Atlanta's District 10 and served on the Missing and Murdered Children Task Force. Mr. Martin was also a board member for the West End Medical Center and chairman of the City of Atlanta Employee Credit Union Board.

His off-term work included serving as a consultant on political campaigns and spearheading strategic planning activity and youth programming. He was elected by Georgia's Democratic Party to serve as a delegate to elect the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the Democratic National Convention in 2008 and 2012.

Atlanta has lost one of its greatest native sons. On a personal level, I was proud to have earned his support, guidance, and endorsement in my first campaign for public office. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this time. The entire city of Atlanta owes a debt of gratitude to C.T. Martin that we could never repay. May his memory serve as a guiding light for future generations of leaders in the fight for full equality.

On behalf of Georgia's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and legacy of Councilman C.T. Martin, and his incredible contributions to the Atlanta community.

HONORING OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
FARRAR

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, there is no greater love than to lay one's life down for another.

Officer Christopher Farrar of Chandler, Arizona exemplified that love when he was killed in the line of duty on April 30th of this year. Officer Farrar gave his life on behalf of his community and indeed, the entire State of Arizona. By all accounts he was a great police officer who served his community every day.

He leaves behind a grieving family and his fellow officers of the Chandler Police Department. I thank his family and loved ones for their sacrifices and his. Our prayers are with you.

We also join in prayer for Officer Rico Aranda, of the Gilbert, Arizona Police Depart-

ment who, alongside Officer Farrar, put his life on the line while responding to the same call on April 30. Although he was critically wounded, he was fortunate enough to survive the attempt on his life. We express our hope for a speedy and complete recovery for Officer Farrar.

Both these men and their families will remain in our hearts.

Serving in law enforcement takes a special kind of person. One who leaves the house each day knowing he may not return. Police officers all across this country have been vilified over the last year but I challenge you, Madame Speaker, to find a group of individuals more noble, more selfless, and more interested in serving their fellowman than police officers.

Instead of the hyper-critique they have received of recent times, they deserve the praise and admiration of this body. Police officers routinely face grave threats with great courage.

Madam Speaker, over the last year we have seen Liberal organizations and leftist cities call for the defunding of our police. I urge elected officials and the American public to support those who keep our communities safe. Let's increase our respect to our police force. Let's increase our gratitude by giving a positive comment, a helping hand, or saying a prayer when you see those flashing red and blue lights on the way to an emergency.

I am grateful to be participating in National Police Week so I may pay homage to the brave men and women who run towards danger when most retreat. We may never know the pressure and the courage it takes to wear the badge and don the uniform, but we can always show the respect and honor our police officers deserve.

To those officers who demonstrated the greater love by making the greatest sacrifice we say, "Thank you." We offer our grateful support to those they left behind.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD SISCO,
SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL FI-
NALIST FROM MARYLAND'S
FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent more than 62,000 federal employees in Maryland's Fifth District and to have long been an advocate for recognizing and celebrating the many contributions that federal civilian workers make to our country. That's why I am always very excited to participate in marking Public Service Recognition Week, which is held each May. It is a moment to thank federal employees for their patriotism, their service, and the many essential roles they play in creating and delivering opportunities for the American people.

Each year, the Partnership for Public Service reviews hundreds of nominations submitted by federal workers and the Americans they serve of outstanding federal civilian employees for recognition in a number of categories. During Public Service Recognition Week, the organization unveils the list of finalists in each category, and it has named twen-

ty-nine finalists this year. The winners, including Federal Employee of the Year, will be announced in the autumn. These Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, named in memory of the founder of the Partnership for Public Service and a champion for those serving in government, are affectionately known as the 'Sammies,' and they are considered to be the government-service equivalent of the Academy Awards.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that one of this year's finalists in the 'Emerging Leaders' category is Edward Sisco from Maryland's Fifth District. A research chemist at the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Ed has already made an enormous impact even at only thirty-two years old. He developed a novel procedure for testing potentially toxic substances faster than thought possible, which has yielded tremendous benefits in forensic analysis and protection for law enforcement and forensic chemists testing drugs seized in raids. The Thermal Desorption Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry (TD-DART-MS) technique that he pioneered is already being deployed and is having a major impact on criminal justice and laboratory safety.

Ed and many of his colleagues at NIST are among the thousands of outstanding federal employees who call Maryland's Fifth District home, and I am proud to join in recognizing his work and his being chosen as a Service to America Medal finalist. I wish him all the best of luck in the competition, and I look forward to learning the winners in his category and all the others, as well as Federal Employee of the Year, this fall. While these awards recognize special contributions to our country that go above and beyond, I hope all of us who serve in the House will remember the contributions and hard work that 2.1 million federal employees perform every day in every state and in single one of our districts. Each and every one of them deserves our recognition and our gratitude.

HONORING TOMS RIVER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT NO. 1 ON ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Toms River Fire Department No. 1 on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

Beginning in 1896, the Toms River Fire Department was founded with no budget or fire hydrant. Within two years, the town's running water became operational and the Fire Department was granted a \$500 budget. Soon, when there was a fire, the firefighters were able to hook their hoses to Toms River's one hydrant and push a hose cart across town to fight a fire. Through the Toms River Fire Department's work, they protected the residents of Toms River and saved countless lives.

While the technology and tools available to the Toms River Fire Department have changed drastically in the past century and firetrucks have thankfully replaced fire carts, the mission and the work ethic of the Toms River Fire Department have not. For the past